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VIA ECFS

March 7, 2014

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554
Attn: Wireline Competition Bureau

**Re: WC Docket No. 10-90
Rural Broadband Experiment Expression of Interest – Rate-of-Return Areas
Rye Telephone Company**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Rye Telephone Company ("RTC") hereby expresses interest in participating in the Commission's rural broadband experiments to provide robust, scalable high-speed broadband to unserved and underserved high-cost areas with additional Connect America funding.¹ RTC is a rate-of-return incumbent local exchange carrier serving rural areas of Colorado, and proposes deployment as follows.

Proposed Service Area

RTC proposes to upgrade broadband to 150 unserved premises within the regulated service territory in:

Colorado	County	Tract
	Las Animas	8071000800

Proposed Broadband Service

Voice and Broadband services with broadband transmission speeds of at least 3 Mbps downstream/768 kbps upstream provided over fixed wireless technology.

¹ See *Technology Transitions et al.*, GN Docket No. 13-5 et al., Order, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Report and Order, Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Proposal for Ongoing Data Initiative, FCC 14-5 (rel. Jan. 31, 2014).

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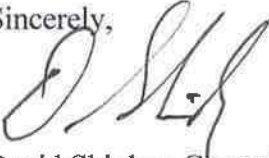
Funding

RTC requests \$750,000 from the Connect America Fund in one-time funding.

RTC expects service to be offered to all unserved customers within 5 years after construction starts.

RTC appreciates the opportunity to provide this non-binding expression of interest. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Shipley', written over a light gray rectangular background.

David Shipley, General Manager
Rye Telephone Company